

CLEANER STREETS AT REDUCED COST

Use of Machines on City's Pavements a Success.

REPORT ON THE YEAR'S WORK

Estimates for 1904 Increased Slightly Owing to Washington's Growth and Expansion—Sprinkling, Garbage, and Ash Collections—More Money Needed.

Mr. Warner Stutler, Superintendent of Streets, today submitted to the District Commissioners a report of the operations of his office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1902, together with estimates for the expenses of the department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904. Mr. Stutler reviews at length the cleaning of the streets both by machinery and by hand, the collection and removal of garbage, ashes, dead animals and other refuse. He shows that while a vast amount of work was required by the several branches of the service, it was accomplished within the appropriation, and the city was on the whole kept in better condition during the last fiscal year than ever before.

Estimates for 1904. Mr. Stutler in his schedule of estimates for the next fiscal year asks for \$205,000 for street cleaning, \$20,000 for flushing streets, and \$5,000 for disposing of snow and ice. He asks for \$458,500 for the collection and disposal of garbage, ashes, dead animals, and miscellaneous waste. The total appropriation available for street cleaning during the past year was \$226,848, distributed as follows: For sprinkling, sweeping and cleaning, \$155,000; deficiency for sprinkling, sweeping and cleaning, \$20,348; for snow and ice work, \$1,000; deficiency for snow and ice work, \$5,000; for salaries, \$25,100. In addition to the above the appropriation for the collection and disposal of city refuse was \$115,000, making the total appropriation for all purposes \$341,848.

More Money Required.

Mr. Stutler shows that the appropriation of \$155,000 was \$3,240 less than the amount expended for the same purpose the previous year, and owing to the natural growth of the city and the larger area to be covered, he asks that the appropriation for the next fiscal year be increased by \$15,000. For the same reason Mr. Stutler states that he was obliged last year to ask for a deficiency appropriation of \$20,348, as shown above. "The appropriation of \$1,000 for snow and ice work was merely sufficient to remove the snow and ice from crosswalks and gutters after the first snowstorm of the winter. This left us without any funds for the subsequent removal of snow and ice. A deficiency appropriation was, therefore, asked for, and same was granted on January 31, the date on which the big snowstorm commenced. "The appropriation of \$115,000 for city refuse was \$3,000 less than the previous year, due to the fact that a temporary contract had to be made from July to December, 1900, at which latter date the present contract went into effect. This amount of \$115,000 covers existing contracts and the pay of inspectors and incidental expenses.

Machines Beat Hand Work.

"The amount appropriated for street cleaning has been expended, as shown in the following statements, the distribution having been made at the beginning of the year among the different branches of the service in accordance with the amount of work to be done under existing contracts and under the direction of the Commissioners without contract. "At the beginning of the past year a contract was entered into with the Sanitary Street Cleaning Company, of this city, for the hire of 130 hand-sweeping machines at \$25 per month each, the company to maintain and keep the machines in good repair during the year, and the machines to become the property of the District on July 1, 1902.

Half Billion Square Yards.

"Previous to the adoption and use of these machines 210 men, with hand brooms, cleaned a daily area of 1,565,595 square yards, making a total area during the year of 413,765,928 square yards, at a cost of \$76,429.47, whereas the same force, using the machines, cleaned 1,920,417 square yards per day, or a total of 515,992,920 square yards during the year, at a cost of \$79,704.46. It will, therefore, be seen that 354,698 square yards more per day were cleaned during the past fiscal year than during the previous year, making a total increase in area cleaned of 102,227,892 square yards at the comparatively small cost of \$3,264.99, whereas under the hand broom method this increase in area would have cost us \$18,912. "During the year 1901 the cost per 1,000 square yards was 18.6 cents, and during the past year this rate was reduced to 15.5 cents, which includes for wear and tear one-fifth of the cost of the 130 hand sweepers, due entirely to the adoption of these machines. The daily area cleaned, therefore, was not only enlarged and the expense reduced, but the streets were kept cleaner than ever before.

Saving Next Year.

"During the current year a further reduction in the cost will be shown for the reason that the 130 machines now belong to the District, which will mean a saving of \$9,556.25 previously paid for rental, less the necessary cost of maintaining and repair. It is believed that by the end of the present fiscal year it will be shown that the cost per 1,000 square yards for hand cleaning will be less than 15 cents. "The daily area cleaned by machines during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1901, was 500,000 square yards, or a total for the year of 32,377,841, whereas during the past year the daily area cleaned was 500,000 square yards, or a total area for the year of 207,528,188 square yards at a cost of \$27,355.08, representing an increase in expenditure of \$4,977.24. This year's work was done under a three square yards.

New Streets and Avenues.

"The increased expenditure during the past year was due to the addition to the schedules of 27,844,567 square yards,

representing the area of newly paved streets and avenues.

"The contract price for cleaning unpaved streets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1902, was \$34 per day for furnishing 26 laborers, 12 horses and carts with drivers, and all tools necessary to do the work, which consists in keeping the gutters clean, and the drainage of the gutters clear and free from weeds and grass. The contract further provides that extra laborers and horses and carts with drivers will be supplied when ordered, at \$1.35 and \$1.75, respectively. "It was necessary during the year to have extra force in connection with this class of work, the cost of which amounted to \$41.77.

Sprinkling of Streets.

"The work of cleaning the alleys during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1902, was performed under a contract with R. V. Rusk, at 32.7-8 cents per 1,000 square yards. The alleys are cleaned once a week, schedules for each day having been prepared at the beginning of the year. The daily area cleaned was 150,000 square yards, or a total area for the year of 37,500,507 square yards, at a cost of \$12,259.89, being an increase in expenditure of but \$17.51. During the previous year we cleaned 145,000 square yards per day, or a total of 37,237,212 square yards for the year at a cost of \$12,241.75. "About fourteen miles of unpaved streets and avenues were sprinkled daily for 131.5-7 days at a cost of \$3,160.27. During the previous year ten miles of streets and avenues were sprinkled daily for 114 days at a cost of \$2,485.76.

The Garbage Service.

"The contract rate for the collection and disposal of garbage and dead animals for the fiscal year was \$51,600,900, with provisions that extra compensation be allowed the company for extra service, that a deduction of 50 cents per ton for every ton in excess of 20,000 tons collected during the year be made from the amount due the company at the end of the fiscal year, and that for all failures on the part of the company to render proper service fines may be imposed. "The total amount of garbage collected during the year was 30,298 tons, or 10,298 tons on which deduction was made at the rate of 50 cents per ton. From this source, therefore, the District realized \$5,149.50, and fines amounting to \$537 were imposed during the year, thus making a total of \$5,686.50 deducted from the contract rate. The balance of \$46,069.50, which includes \$155 allowance for extra services, was the sum paid to the contractor for the year's work.

Saving on New Contract.

"The cost of collection for the year ended June 30, 1900, was \$57,000. This was the contract price under the former contract, and as will be seen by the above statement, the cost to the District, under the present system, is \$10,939 less. The service is also much better, as, where formerly weekly collections were given, they are now made semi-weekly, and in sections where they were then twice weekly tri-weekly collections are required. "Dead animals are collected under the same contract as garbage, at the contract price of \$51,600 for both. "The contract for the collection and disposal of ashes provides for removal of same once per week from private residences only at an annual cost of \$29,970.

Few Complaints Received.

"During the past year 67,332 cubic yards of ashes were collected at the contract price, less \$75 for fines imposed, as against 57,069 cubic yards the year previous, being an increase of 10,263 cubic yards. The increase was due in part to the natural growth of the city and also to the fact that a greater number of households took advantage of the service, who had employed private collectors the previous year. "There was a marked improvement in the service during the past year, as shown by the increased collections and the very few complaints received, the contractors being at fault in only seventy-five cases. "The contract for the collection and disposal of miscellaneous refuse provides for one collection per week from private residences only, and the work is performed by the same contractor who removes the ashes at an annual cost of \$8,990. There were collected 152,651 bags of paper and 33,997 loads of trash, as against 58,872 bags of paper and 17,276 loads of trash for the previous year, being an increase of more than double the quantity collected. "This class of material is all hauled to the crematorium at the foot of South Capitol Street and there disposed of by combustion process."

The Increased Estimates.

In explanation of the increased estimates asked for next fiscal year, Mr. Stutler says: "The demands on the Street Cleaning Department increase with the growth of the city. An increase in population means the building of houses, the extension and paving of streets and alleys and also an increased accumulation of refuse. To meet the new conditions and to keep pace with the growth of the city calls for additional expenditure of public funds commensurate with the degree of cleanliness to be attained. "An estimate of \$20,000 for flushing streets was submitted last year, and the same is renewed, the object being to provide for a thorough cleansing of the streets at night during the heated period, when we have but little or no rain.

Flushing Down Streets.

"By flushing, the street surface is washed and cleansed as no sweeper can do it. The flushing should be done twice each week, especially in hot weather when the sticky substance exudes from the asphalt pavements to which disease germs adhere. The pavements also become slippery in wet and foggy weather, and in dry weather they dust accumulations, which can only be removed by water. "An increase of \$4,000 is estimated for snow and ice work, for the reason that with the exception of one year the \$1,000 heretofore appropriated has never been sufficient to do the work. "The estimate of \$25,000 submitted is to provide a weekly collection service of ashes and miscellaneous refuse from hotels, restaurants, flats, apartment houses, markets and all other business places not otherwise provided for."

In Closing the Report.

Mr. Stutler thanks all of the employees of the department for the faithful and intelligent support they have rendered at all times.

MRS. SMITH'S WILL FILED FOR PROBATE

Methodist Home and Church Named Among Beneficiaries.

The Methodist Home and the New York Avenue M. E. Church are named as beneficiaries in the will of Mary A. W. Smith, which was today filed for probate. The document is dated August 13 last, and provides for a bequest of \$10 to the first named institution and \$20 to the latter.

After providing for the erection of a monument in Glenwood Cemetery to mark the resting place of herself and husband, Henry W. Smith, the testatrix directs that the remainder of her estate be divided as follows: To her daughter, Clara Edmondson, one-half; to her son, George L. de Gant, one-quarter, and to her granddaughter, Myrtle P. Proby, one-quarter.

COLORED VOTERS BEING SHUT OUT IN ALABAMA

Barred From County Republican Conventions.

Party Leaders Decide to Eliminate the Negro as a Factor in Politics.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 2.—That the negro will soon cease to be a factor in the Republican party in Alabama is evident from the stand that has just been taken by three of the party's conventions in the latest counties of North Alabama, namely, Madison, Lauderdale and Jackson. The party leaders have decided to eliminate the negro, at least, in so far as his influence goes in conventions. "After trying various means to eliminate the negro without success, it was decided to deliberately deny the negro admittance in the conventions just held in the counties mentioned."

DIES FROM INJURIES RECEIVED IN PRIZE RING

Terrell, Knocked Out by Stokes, Fails to Revive.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 2.—Albert Terrell, a negro boxer from New York, died in the Hahnemann Hospital this morning as the result of hemorrhage following a fracture of the skull sustained last night in a pugilistic contest at the Golden Gate Athletic Club. Terrell's antagonist, William Stokes, also a negro, of New York, and the seconds of both are under arrest. The boxers went on in a preliminary bout. In the second round Terrell became dazed apparently and put up only a slight defense. He had been severely punished by Stokes. In the third Stokes went at his opponent with a shower of blows and Terrell grew noticeably weak. Then he fell from the effects of a punch that, witnesses say, was not very hard. His head struck upon the ring floor. He did not revive after a wait of two minutes, and the attendants got alarmed and sent him in a cab to the Hahnemann Hospital. The doctors trephined his skull in a vain effort to save his life. Both Terrell and Stokes are mere boys, each being seventeen years old. Stokes is known among pugilists as "The Sunflower."

THE SULTAN SLIGHTED BY KING EDWARD VII

Failed to Decorate Him With the Order of the Garter.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 2.—Sultan Abdul Hamid is much annoyed because King Edward decorated the Shah of Persia with the Order of the Garter, an honor which Abdul sought unsuccessfully in 1901. What adds to the Sultan's annoyance is the fact that he was about to confer on Edward the Order of the Dynasty of Osman, the highest Turkish decoration.

FEARFUL CRIME OF A LONDON PAPERHANGER

LONDON, Sept. 2.—Frank Cavilla, a paperhanger of New Cross, London, cut the throats of his wife and four children at intervals yesterday, and then made his escape. When the police entered the house they found it in a state resembling a slaughterhouse.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS' SMOKER.

The Spanish War Veterans of Gen. Nelson A. Miles command will hold a smoker at their hall, 612 E Street northwest, this evening.

PREACHER'S CHILDREN

Same as Others.

The wife of a prominent divine tried the food cure with her little daughter. She says: "I feel sure that our experience with Grape-Nuts food would be useful to many mothers. Our little daughter, eight years old, was subject to bowel trouble, which we did not then understand, and which the doctor's prescriptions failed to cure. We had been using different cereals for breakfast and finally becoming discouraged, I said: 'I will try an experiment. I will discard all other cereals and use only Grape-Nuts for breakfast.' The three children all like it better than anything else and are so fond of it that I hardly let them have all they want. In a short time I could see an improvement in the bowel trouble. We began using Grape-Nuts five months ago and now not only has the bowel trouble disappeared, but the child has grown so plump and well—in fact was never so healthy before—that all our friends notice and remark about it. We think we have an ideal breakfast, which consists of whole wheat bread with butter, Postum Cereal Coffee and Grape-Nuts. This is all we care for, and I think it would be hard to find many families so invariably healthy as ours." Name given by the Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

PARIS RECEIVES STORY OF PELEE Eruption

Consul at St. Lucie Tells of Rumors of Cataclysm.

MORNE ROUGE DESTROYED

Two Hundred May Be Dead—Governor of Martinique Describes Disturbances Which Preceded Eruption—Three Days of Activity—Matter Ejected.

PARIS, Sept. 2.—The minister of colonies has received a dispatch from the French consul at St. Lucie, saying that, according to popular rumor and reports brought by the commander of the British steamer Korona, from Port de France, a violent eruption occurred Saturday night, which destroyed Morne Rouge and overwhelmed 200 people. The minister has no detailed information from Martinique, but the following official note from the governor of the island describes the disturbances which preceded the eruption: "On August 25, at 9:20, a slight oscillation of the soil occurred from the north to the south of the island. A volcanic eruption occurred at 8 o'clock on the morning of the 26th, accompanied by electric detonations and plumes of flames. "Incandescent matter was thrown for a radius of 200 meters in the direction of Morne Rouge. On the 25th the eruption seemed to have calmed."

The governor of Guadeloupe sends a dispatch stating that heavy rain, with cinders, fell over the whole island. There was no noise of any explosion, nor was there any earthquake shock. His telegram continues: "I immediately had the volcanoes explored and nothing abnormal was found. From the direction of the wind I conclude that the cinders came from Martinique."

The French minister of colonies has asked the minister of marine to send a ship to Basse Terre from the Antilles division. Another dispatch received here this morning from Basse Terre says that the fall of rain and cinders has ceased, and that the people of Guadeloupe are calm.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. George W. Baird have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Martha Minerva Baird, to Mr. Thomas Hall, at the Church of the Covenant on the afternoon of September 17.

The date for the marriage of Miss Gracie Dix, of this city, to Mr. William V. A. Keene, of Pittsburgh, will be set for September 16. The ceremony will take place at the Dumbarton M. E. Church, Georgetown.

Miss Ruth Bryan, who has been visiting Mrs. Cotter T. Bride and Miss Bride on Capitol Hill, has returned to the home of her father, William Jennings Bryan, at Lincoln, Neb. Miss Bryan will shortly resume her studies at the University of Nebraska.

Messrs. John and Howard Whelan have returned from a visit to their father's farm in lower Maryland.

Mr. Franklin Ball, of this city, has been to Denver to attend the ordination of his brother, Jesse Williams Ball, to the M. E. Church. The brothers are sons of the late E. F. Ball, of Georgetown.

Postmaster General and Mrs. Payne have returned to Poland Springs, Me.—Mrs. Payne will probably remain throughout September.

J. B. Foraker, Jr., formerly of this city, has gone to the Virginia Hot Springs to join his parents, Senator and Mrs. Foraker.

Miss Josie Sternberg is the guest of Miss Kaufman, of West Fayette Street, Baltimore.

Miss C. Louise Thomas, who has been visiting at Berkeley Springs, W. Va., has returned to her K Street home much improved in health.

Misses Clara and Lena May Palmer have returned from a delightful two months' stay in Hartford county, Md.

Dr. M. B. Strickler, the well-known physician, of 815 M Street northwest, was among the gunners who took advantage of the opening day of the red bird season. Although well along in years and having had little practice in shooting of late years, he secured thirty-nine toothsome morsels in a little over one hour's gunning.

Francis Nye, of the Board of Assistant Assessors, returned to the city yesterday from Atlantic City, where he spent two weeks of his annual leave. Mr. Nye reports the "Steel Pier" as the chief attraction in the City by the Sea this year.

Dr. and Mrs. George Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Lem. Hewitt, of Riverdale, Md., spent yesterday at Colonial Beach.

Mrs. Genn Kenzie, of Capitol Hill, has gone to New York to visit her son, Dr. Lee Kenzie.

Mr. James H. Poynton Recovering. James H. Poynton, of North Capitol Street, who was injured about the face and head while attempting to jump on a "clawfoot" car of the Great Falls Railroad Sunday afternoon, is somewhat improved. Mr. Poynton was brought to town on a car, and taken from Thirty-sixth and Prospect Street to his home in an ambulance.

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DIED.

SEXTON.—On Monday, September 1, 1902, at 12:15 p. m., at her residence, 1227 F Street northwest, ANN SEXTON, beloved wife of John Sexton. Name given by the Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

TRIED TO KILL WOMAN, THEN SHOT HIMSELF

Italian Actor Crazed by Jealousy For Married Woman.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 2.—Crazed by jealousy and made desperate because she refused to receive his attentions, Robert Antonio, aged twenty-five years, twice shot Amelia Fiorantini, aged twenty-six years, at a boarding house for Italian actors and actresses at 317 Ellsworth Street this morning, and then turned the revolver on himself and shot himself. The woman is a resident of New York, and is married. It is said she was engaged to Antonio before her marriage. She refused to receive Antonio's attentions on the ground that she was a married woman. They had quarreled last night, and Antonio rushed into the room this morning and, without further warning, attempted to kill her and end his own life.

CHARGES AGAINST POLICEMEN DISMISSED

On the recommendation of Major Richard Sylvester, Superintendent of Police, the District Commissioners have dismissed the charges against Privates H. W. Fortney, J. T. Kennedy, J. F. Waldron, M. G. O'Brien and Railroad Crossing Policeman J. M. Mahoney, of the metropolitan police force. The charges against these officers were that they engaged with others in getting a keg of beer at the National Baseball Park, in drinking the contents, and engaging in a quarrel. The evidence before the trial board did not substantiate the charges, and the result of the trial was that they were pronounced not guilty.

IMPORTANT CHANGE!

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